

development, HUD. You might have the connotation of Mr. Ebel's name with respect to the D.C. Tax Revision Commission, executive directorship.

We also will have--presenting on March 24th the Honorable John Wilson, chairperson, Committee on Finance and Revenue, D.C. City Council; Gladys Mack, budget director, D.C. Government; Kenneth R. Bearderman, Director of Economic Research, Home Loan Bank Board.

The committee has developed criteria for evaluation of proposals and has generated within itself four proposals responsive to issues regarding finance and taxation. These issues were identified as a result of in-depth analysis of respective state constitution sections on finance and tax. As we conceptualize our task and schedule, we anticipate public hearings on April 12th and 14th. By March 31st we will issue formal public hearing notices incorporating definitive hearing proposals.

This we submit, Mr. President.

DELEGATE BALDWIN: Thank you, Mr. Coates.

DELEGATE ROTHSCHILD: What did you say the times were?

DELEGATE COATES: 6:30.

DELEGATE ROTHSCHILD: Each day?

DELEGATE COATES: Each day in the coming week, that is, each day scheduled for hearing. That is the 22nd, Monday, 6:30, and the 24th, 6:30.

DELEGATE BALDWIN: Suffrage, Miss Johnson.

DELEGATE JOHNSON: Sandra Johnson, Ward 7. At our meeting of March 16th the suffrage committee members received the listing of the five articles with definitions that we are responsible for drafting and (b) the possible sections of those articles or at least the issues due consideration in drafting the articles. There was discussion of each article. For example, when to vote. Discussion of the day or a period of several days, residency requirements, voting rights for adjudicated offenders and those found to be mentally incompetent, age of voters, absentee voting, and the establishment of a board of elections. There was general deliberation on creativity in drafting the articles versus a moderate approach that may have more appeal to the electors and the Congress.

At our meeting of March 18th, Miss Ruth Farmer, research assistant, was introduced to the group. We have been introduced to Miss Farmer today. The suffrage committee is responsible for drafting not less than five articles of the state constitution. This cannot be accomplished in

isolation. Therefore, individual committee members submitted issues that will need to be coordinated with articles drafted by other committees as follows: the executive branch committee--the executive branch committee--

A DELEGATE: We hear.

DELEGATE JOHNSON: --who the elected state officials will be, the legislative committee, who will be the elected legislative officials, what issues will be subject to initiative and referendum, what action can be taken by the legislature to amend or repeal initiatives and referendum, what special voting procedures will be authorized, the filling of vacancies created by recall, and the procedures for recall, the procedures for amending the state constitution, and the procedures for establishing a constitutional convention. All of those are issues that we feel will need to be coordinated with the legislative committee.

The judicial committee, who will be the elected members of the judiciary branch and the apportionment procedures, when they will occur and the repeal of reapportionment.

The finance and taxation committee, what issues will be subject to initiative and referendum.

Local government: Who will be the elected local

officials?

A decision was made by the chair and vice chair of our suffrage committee that the committee members will be responsible for getting this information from their respective committee that they also serve on. However, the only committee that we don't have representation on is the committee on local government. So, perhaps the chair of that committee and I can work on the issues that we have to deal with together.

The committee coordinator, Delegate Baldwin, visited with the chairperson on issues related to the public hearings and agreed to address the full committee next Tuesday, March 23rd.

DELEGATE BALDWIN: Thank you, Miss Johnson.

As you noted, the chairperson did come up with some duplications. And at our Tuesday meeting with the president, hopefully we can iron those out and straighten out those matters she is concerned with, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay. Is that the last one?

DELEGATE BALDWIN: Rules and calendar,
Mr. Robinson.

DELEGATE ROBINSON: On March 17th I met with the--
Samuel Robinson, rules and calendar--on March 17th I met

with the members of the executive committee, impressed upon them the necessity for daily plenary sessions, outlining to them the outline that I gave to the body on last Saturday. The executive committee considered and you have received a copy of the results of their deliberation. They are now asking--and we are in agreement--that all daily plenary sessions be withheld until such times that all public hearings have been completed. The reasoning is that the delegates are still having problems in securing administrative leave from the various private and government employers, and also the impact of daily plenary sessions will more than likely hit the delegates at such times that the public hearings are completed.

The rules committee has received three proposals for amendments to the rules. However, as the first vice president has said, we are not going to entertain at this time.

Finally, the rules committee is very concerned with the no-show of members who have signed up. And we are asking that if for some reason there's a conflict or you cannot make committee meetings, rules committee meetings, that are held each Friday at 5:00 p.m., that you submit a letter to the secretary of the convention withdrawing your

name from the rules committee. I thank you.

DELEGATE BALDWIN: Thank you, Mr. Robinson.

Mr. President, that concludes the report of the first vice president and committee reports.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay, Delegate Cooper.

SECRETARY COOPER: I had a question concerning the rules committee report. In your report, Mr. Robinson, you stated that you had received three proposals for amendments to the rules.

DELEGATE ROBINSON: That is correct, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY COOPER: But that you were instructed by the first vice president not to consider them?

DELEGATE ROBINSON: I did not say that.

DELEGATE BALDWIN: No, he didn't say that.

DELEGATE ROBINSON: I did not say that.

SECRETARY COOPER: I wanted to know what was the disposition of those proposals.

DELEGATE ROBINSON: The proposals have not been brought before the body because the committee has not had a quorum. Before any official business can be conducted by any committee, a quorum is necessary.

DELEGATE BALDWIN: Right.

SECRETARY COOPER: Okay, thank you.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Harris, the second group of committee reports.

DELEGATE HARRIS: I'd like to first call on Delegate Terrell for legislative, followed by Delegate Simmons for executive.

DELEGATE TERRELL: James Terrell, Ward 7. I join Delegate Blount in extending congratulations to the preamble and rights committee for its productive outcome. This is a progress report for the period March 13th through March 20th for the legislature committee. On March 15th we heard Johnny Barnes, the legislative assistant to Congressman Walter Fauntroy discuss the issue of bicameralism and unicameralism. We also welcomed Karen Gibner, who is a voluntary secretary, and Thelma Brock, a research assistant. Discussed also the issue of bicameralism versus unicameralism and held earlier in that day a roundtable discussion at the advisory committee on intergovernmental relations.

On March 16th we held a roundtable discussion at Howard University, Department of Political Science, and discussed the size of legislatures, full-time or part-time legislatures, unicameralism or bicameralism.

We scheduled hearings for April 7th and April 12th. On March 17th we heard Congressman Douglas Bereuter discuss

the Nebraskan unicameral legislature. That concludes my report.

DELEGATE HARRIS: Thank you, Delegate Terrell.
Barbara Simmons.

DELEGATE ROTHSCHILD: Could I ask a question of Mr. Terrell?

DELEGATE HARRIS: Yes.

DELEGATE ROTHSCHILD: Delegate Terrell, I understand you are considering unicameral and bicameral now. Do you intend to make a definitive decision on that soon? In other words, I have a proposal that should be before you, and before that decision is made I would like to know what your time--

DELEGATE TERRELL: Again let me just simply say that those committee meetings are open to anyone in the convention. And I urge you to come and find out where we are as far as that discussion is concerned. So, that's all I can say at this point. So, please--

DELEGATE ROTHSCHILD: Okay, but is your intention to make decisions piece by piece?

DELEGATE TERRELL: We hope that we will be able to make a decision. But right now I cannot say how and when that decision will be made.

DELEGATE HARRIS: Delegate Simmons.

DELEGATE SIMMONS: Madam Vice President, my name is Barbara Lett-Simmons, chair for the executive branch committee. The executive branch I think has been most fortunate in two respects. One, we have had excellent secretarial service from Barbi Maguire, and I would want that a matter of record because she has taken--she has tape recorded as well as translated those into minutes in terms of our action.

The second advantage which has been ours, we have had pro bono services from Sidley & Austin law firm, and they have been present to engage in the brainstorming with us. Our meetings on March 15th and 17th were committed primarily to the discussion of pros and cons of a central or decentralized executive. Immediately what became clear to us is the necessity to interface with the legislative and judiciary committees in particular. We will be setting up with the chairmen of those committees opportunity for dialogue. And I say dialogue because what we agreed to is that there's no way that we can continue to mesh 18 people's calendars and schedules above and beyond all of the scheduled committees which our people have. So, what we've decided to do is to authorize members of the committee to

exchange with and represent the thinking of the group what we also receive. We may just get it from the chair; the distilled thoughts, feelings, and notions of a committee with regard to an issue may be shared really with only one person of the other committee. And we think that that will be quite appropriate because it gives us a direction, gives us guideposts, gives us a sense of where that committee is going. And we think that that exchange can be important and helpful, and it certainly supersedes our trying to mesh 18 schedules, which is near impossible.

This would be repetitious, but I think I probably ought to announce again that our hearings will be held April 5th and April 7th from 9:30 until 5:00. The 5th is focused on having executives testify as to what has been effective from their perception and their personal history of experience and what powers they did not have that they think would have made a more effective government if they possessed it. That's the 5th. On the 7th we're having the more esoteric, theoretical notions of people who will, I'm sure, add to the flavor of our convention by not being bound by precedent and practice of the past.

So, we think that the two will give to the committee an important kind of flavor that will enable us to

engage creatively and yet with good pragmatism in the drafting of the powers for the executive. The discussion on central and decentralized power for the executive was vigorous, to say the least. Probably more heat than light, but by the time everyone gets an opportunity to read and to become acquainted with the literature in the field which is available, I'm sure it will become reversed and we'll have more light than heat.

Madam Vice President, that concludes the report of the executive branch.

DELEGATE HARRIS: Thank you, Delegate Simmons and Delegate Terrell. The next group of committees, Delegate Lockridge, education, followed by Delegate Nahikian, inter-governmental relations, transition.

DELEGATE LOCKRIDGE: Thank you, Delegate Harris. The committee on education met on Tuesday, March 16th and Thursday, March 18th. The committee welcomed our research assistant, Miss Jean Davis.

In the previous progress report that I shared with you, concepts were agreed upon by the committee on education. Members have accepted assignments in order to begin writing on these concepts for presentation to the committee as a whole for consideration. The assignments are as

follows. Delegate Feely, vesting of administrative authority and structure. Delegate Baldwin, equal educational opportunity. Delegate Lockridge, the provision of public education. Delegate Simmons, District of Columbia, its history, culture, et cetera.

We are still in the process of getting background information and securing resources who might share their thinking on educational concepts we have agreed upon.

I need to bring to your attention that the committee on education has established permanent meeting times, and I'd like to preface that with promptly.

We will be meeting on Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. and Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. Those times will remain in effect throughout the duration of the convention although we agreed that there might be times when the committee will deviate from these times, but only in order to join other committees to hear resource persons and/or consultants. As a result of that, the committee on finance and taxation will be asked to join with the education committee in order to pool thoughts with regard to the upcoming lottery, minerals, land, et cetera. Communication with respect to such interfacing will be conducted by the chair, and the committee thus informed. All members need not be present at those joint

committees. Madam Chair, that ends my report.

DELEGATE HARRIS: Thank you, Delegate Lockridge.

Delegate Nahikian.

We must give each committee chair our attention, full attention, please, Delegate Jones and Coates.

DELEGATE NAHIKIAN: Marie Nahikian, Ward 1, chairman of the committee on local government, intergovernmental relations, and transition.

The local government committee completed a briefing last Tuesday on issues of the federal interest as well as a discussion of intergovernmental relations issues followed by a working session on Thursday where the committee made the decision that we had to do additional research to determine what issues go into the convention versus what issues can be taken care of in the Admissions Act in Congress which accompanies the constitution.

We have been given the services of a research assistant, Linda Greenan. We are still in desperate need of clerical and secretarial assistance for the committee because Barbara Maguire too has tried to fill that capacity, which is almost impossible for two committees, as Delegate Simmons alluded to earlier.

We have scheduled our public hearings for the

following date of Tuesday, April 13th, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and in that session we are hoping to invite a number of government officials regarding the issue of local government. And on Tuesday evening, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.; that's the 13th of April. On Thursday, April 15th there will be an additional hearing from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. We are requesting the use of the auditorium for these purposes. However, we're sensitive to the fact that several committees are scheduling hearings, and hope that the executive committee will be able to let us know about where these hearings can take place.

The subcommittee on local government, which is chaired by Jan Eichhorn, with membership from Mr. Talmadge Moore, Mr. Philip Schrag, and Mr. Bill Blount, have begun to look at options and expect to be drafting proposals soon.

We have received an informal proposal that was informally submitted by Delegate Garner, and we do anticipate beginning to draft very soon on local government. The issues of intergovernmental relations and transition are tougher. We have one additional briefing scheduled next Tuesday, and this is on the issue of transition. Two guests have been invited, Mr. Jason Newman, who is director of the Harrison Law Institute, and Mr. Dick Clark, who has worked

with the Coalition for Self-Determination, who works at Common Cause, to talk about the various issues we must address in terms of transition. Thank you.

DELEGATE ROTHSCHILD: What are those dates again, the dates?

DELEGATE NAHIKIAN: The dates of our committee are Tuesday, April 13th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.; and on Thursday, April 15th, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

DELEGATE ROTHSCHILD: Thank you.

DELEGATE NAHIKIAN: We would encourage you to please let civic citizen associations, ANCs know. We'll be doing a mailing. But particularly on the issue of local government, which I understand is of hot interest right now.

DELEGATE ROTHSCHILD: Also just one other question. For a proposal to be before your committee, are you about to make decisions on local government? It's sound like you are.

DELEGATE NAHIKIAN: We do not have a proposal before us yet on which to make decisions. We are still drafting.

DELEGATE ROTHSCHILD: Thank you.

DELEGATE NAHIKIAN: And working. Any other

questions? Thank you.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Harris?

DELEGATE HARRIS: Delegate Cooper will report from the economic committee for Delegate Croft.

SECRETARY COOPER: Before I render my report, I'd like to point out to the president that we do have an uninvited guest on the convention floor, which is an infraction of Rule 8.2.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Is there a non-delegate who is on the convention floor? The convention floor means sitting at tables reserved for delegates. Is there such a person?

[At this point the unauthorized person left the convention floor.]

DELEGATE H. MASON: Mr. President, a point of order. Does that mean that a staff person can't come on the floor?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I don't think anybody has said that.

Delegate Cooper.

SECRETARY COOPER: The report of the committee on economic development.

[The president pounds gavel to restore order.]

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I've got my gavel now.

SECRETARY COOPER: During the week of March 14, 1982, the committee held four public roundtables, two on Tuesday the 16th and two on Thursday the 18th. Twenty-one persons appeared before the committee presenting ideas, information, and advice on subjects concerning public utilities, energy, natural resources, transportation, economic development, and labor relations. A summary of the Tuesday the 16th, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. roundtable has been placed into the mailbox of the second vice president.

The committee's next meeting will be on Tuesday the 23rd and Thursday the 24th. The meeting time both days will be 6:30 p.m.

That concludes the report of the economic development committee. It is the only report today that has been officially submitted to the record.

DELEGATE HARRIS: Thank you, Delegate Cooper, for the economic development.

At this time we will have Delegate Corn from style and drafting.

DELEGATE CORN: Style and drafting has now officially met twice. At the third meeting we were supposed to have, last Saturday, they closed us out by virtually

saying either you climb down nine flights or you have to leave now. So, we never got to meet last Saturday.

We are still working on the rules. We're plowing through them as fast as possible, but they are really something else. We have three meetings set up for this coming week.

DELEGATE HARRIS: They are in the process of being set, Delegate Corn.

DELEGATE CORN: What?

DELEGATE HARRIS: They are in the process of being set. Did you say set?

DELEGATE CORN: We have three meetings set for this coming week.

DELEGATE HARRIS: Fully set.

DELEGATE CORN: Yes. Monday, 3:30 to 7:00 p.m.; Thursday, 2:00 to 6:30 p.m.; and Friday, 10:00 to 2:30 p.m.

DELEGATE HARRIS: Give me those one more time, please.

DELEGATE CORN: Monday, 3:30 to 7:00 p.m.; Thursday, 2:00 to 6:30 p.m.; and Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. I don't know what else there is to tell you.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Great. Great. That's all? Okay, that concludes--

DELEGATE HARRIS: Wait a minute. Let's just be sure that each committee, when you're developing the time or establishing a time of your meetings, be sure that we abide by the rules, number one. Number two, be sure that we have talked to all the committee members in setting up the time.

I just want to mention a couple of things. I want to reiterate Chairman Cassell's announcement that each chair of the committees please have your report in writing before presentation on Saturday, beginning this coming Saturday. Okay, number one.

Number two is that if any of my committees have any requests for special services or needs by this convention, please give me a memo in writing and I will try to expedite as soon as possible.

DELEGATE LOVE: Mr. Chair, I'd like, since the committee reports are now done, to make three comments about committees.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: No, the reports are not done yet. We have one other--

DELEGATE CORN: Excuse me. I have one more thing to add to my report, and that's that one of our members dropped out.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes, okay.

DELEGATE HARRIS: Will you give us that in writing?

DELEGATE CORN: He gave it to the president.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes, I have it.

Delegate Love.

DELEGATE LOVE: The first is that Rule 2.5(c) requires no less than 48 hours' notice of all committee meetings should be posted to the extent practicable. Since a notice should state the subject to be considered, I would just like to repeat there is a rule that says when that notice goes up on the board there, it should include the things that are going to be on the agenda.

I'd also like to make an appeal that committees are meeting at all different times during the day. I would personally feel if they kept their meetings to the evenings and all the committees were meeting about the same time and place, people and the public might be more inclined to come down here and listen to what's going on. Maybe you can discuss that with your committee chair.

The final thing is that our committee, the legislative committee, has often had ten people in the audience. We have found ourselves crammed behind the stage here. We also found ourselves in 917, which is far too small. I notice the executive committee is meeting in 900, the board

room. They usually don't have more than six or seven people. And that is a very good place to meet when committees have expected large audiences. I hope when you begin to assign meeting rooms to various committees you consider the fact that some committees are attracting a large number of people from outside, and there should be room for those people to sit in as much comfort as we can provide. Thank you.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay. We are now at item IX-C, other business. That other business involves the historian. Did you have a point of order or something?

DELEGATE SIMMONS: I can defer until after the historian. What I have is other business, Mr. President. I would like to place before this body--

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Well, wait a minute. She asked to be recognized as the first item under other business. I will recognize you next.

DELEGATE SIMMONS: All right.

DELEGATE STREET: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Ladies and gentlemen of the convention, I'm Victoria Street, historian of the Statehood Constitutional Convention. I come before you today to give you information and make an appeal to you in the writing of the history of this constitutional convention please be aware of the fact that you

participate, you make the history largely through your participation in committee work. The chairpersons of each committee are especially asked to include in your reports not only the information as to the progress of your meetings, but any data regarding resource materials, names of speakers, topics for briefings, topics for roundtables, topics and speakers for your public hearings. It is very important that the history reflect the tone and mood of the convention, that the history reflect the background information which the committee considered and also the resources of all nature--printed texts, documents, and the invited speakers to your various hearings and briefings. I ask especially this cooperation by the chairpersons of each committee.

Also if there are any anecdotal incidents which you want the history to reflect, include that in your report or do a special writing. The historian has a mailbox. All reports and information that come into this convention's executive secretary, she will supply that material, a copy of it, for the historian. The historian is also asking for desk space where we can work here and where we can keep--and also a file cabinet--where we can keep the necessary reports.

Highlights of the convention and special events of the convention will also be told in the history. The historian

is hoping that the history will reflect three phases: the preconvention period, which includes the background of the Statehood Movement, the preconvention training which we received from Georgetown Law School as well as the Howard University Law School, the preconvention organizational meetings that were held, and the second part, the convention itself, the organizational, the continuation of the organizational structure, the committee meetings, and lastly the committee actions.

You are a part. Please give to the historian your impressions as individual delegates and as chairpersons and as officers. Give your impressions to the historian, and let's see that this history reflects the collective spirit and the collective information and actions of this body. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Thank you. Let me say one thing in that connection. You know that the documents that Delegate Street will be collecting are very, very valuable. The normal file cabinets that we have will not be sufficient, and what we need is at least two five-drawer, fire-safe, lockable file cabinets. Those, as you know, are very expensive. So, we need to beg, borrow--not necessarily steal--but we need to avail ourselves of those. Anybody who

might have any kind of contact--your insurance company or your boss or something like that--we need them immediately. So, anybody who does, please give me a call and let me know this is somebody we should approach.

Miss Corn.

DELEGATE CORN: This is to the historian. Do you plan to publish these anecdotes and other ideas that we have had and our feelings towards what's going on and the people posthumously, after we're all dead, or while we're alive? That will make a difference in the lawsuits.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: We might have to appoint another committee to kind of clean them up before it gets to your committee. [Delegates laugh.]

Any other questions?

DELEGATE STREET: I have one other little point to make. It has come to my attention that there are many small newspapers and tabloids that have publications of convention articles. Will you please, if you know of such tabloids and community newspapers that have published anything regarding our convention business, please make it available to me.

I was in a bank on the other side of town the other day, and there I saw an article in the community newspaper.

And I immediately took that article. But I have the feeling I'm not getting all of them. Please help me in that regard.

DELEGATE SIMMONS: Mr. Chairman, through the president I would like to suggest, in response to your last request, Delegate Street, it would seem appropriate for you to write to each of the weekly papers and ask them to share with you when information or articles they publish with regard to, the Statehood Constitutional Convention. And they usually have extras, and they probably would.

DELEGATE STREET: Yes.

DELEGATE SIMMONS: If they'd just put you right on their mailing list, I think they would. And I don't think they would ask you to subscribe.

DELEGATE STREET: Thank you. We'll be happy to do that. I'm not sure that I know the names of all of these little weekly papers. That's my problem. I do appreciate that, and I will follow that.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Mason.

DELEGATE H. MASON: Delegate Street, I'd be very happy to share my files with you because I have a lot of those articles.

DELEGATE STREET: Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay, Delegate Moore.

DELEGATE T. MOORE: I just wanted to inform Delegate Street that there's an article in the recent Afro, the Thursday Afro, with reference to statehood. And also there's a nice article written by Delegate Nixon from Ward 5 with reference to the YMCA, and it's a very good article. And I would like just to call your attention to it. The one on statehood, and I had something to do with it.

DELEGATE STREET: What is the paper?

DELEGATE T. MOORE: The Washington Afro, the D.C. edition, this past week.

DELEGATE STREET: This past Thursday?

DELEGATE T. MOORE: Yes, this past Thursday.

DELEGATE STREET: This past Thursday. Okay. Do you have that paper? I'll try to get it, but--

DELEGATE T. MOORE: I have a copy at home--no, I want to keep that. I retract that.

DELEGATE STREET: All right. Delegate Mason says she has that copy and she'll make it available to me.

DELEGATE H. MASON: Not only that, Madam Chair, if you will come to my office, since you will have to pick the copies up.

DELEGATE STREET: All right. Thank you so much. I appreciate that.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay, any other business under other, item C under IX? I think next was Delegate Simmons.

DELEGATE SIMMONS: Mr. President, I had wished to raise--it's both inquiry and a position. The boxes of delegates, it seems to me, ought to be property which has some sovereign sanctity to it. And it should not be available for anyone's garbage. And I for one would like to charge that the executive staff here and officers are responsible for seeing nothing but official information goes in my box. Those who have time to read and write that which is neither constructive nor forward-moving in terms of the substance and the mission of this convention, that's fine. But I got a piece of litter--well, if I use the term loosely--a piece of literature in my box today which I felt was inappropriate to be in my box. And I wanted to know how it got in there. And any time information is not substantive and germane to the mission of the convention, I don't want it in my convention box. And I want to know how I can be assured that that remains for convention purposes only.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I have some concerns about the fact that, as it stands now, during the day when the door is unlocked, anybody could walk into that room and take anybody's mail or avail themselves. And we know that certainly

there may be some people who are inclined to do that--none of us, but people who are interested in what's going on here. And I've just been thinking about a way of securing that room at all times or at least securing the mailboxes because I think they should be sacrosanct. I don't have any ideas on that, but I'll talk to the executive secretary. Did you have a response?

DELEGATE SIMMONS: I just wonder if I could move that it be left in the hands of the executive steering committee. I'm not trying to decide how. I'm just making a request, and I would like to make a motion, if there is enough general sentiment to support it, that we be assured that our boxes are private and secured.

DELEGATE BALDWIN: Second.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: It has been moved and seconded that we devise a means for securing the privacy of the mailboxes of all delegates. Any discussion? Delegate Long, Moore.

DELEGATE LONG: I was going to speak to the same question. I'm glad delegate Simmons brought it up. This gossip sheet here, which is anonymous, is very repugnant.. And I hope that we can prevent the boxes from being used as a depository for whatever.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes, Madam Secretary.

MS. ELLINGTON: Mr. President, I have concern here.

I can assure the delegates that I have discussed with the president a room which is locked, that is to be used when we get the proper equipment as a mailing room. And that will be locked at all times and available only to staff.

However, I have some concern, and I would like some clarification as to what is junk if it is in fact addressed to a delegate. I am not going to censor it. I have not seen the document. So, therefore, I don't know about that one. But if it comes in and is directed to a delegate, I don't feel I have the authority not to it in the mailbox.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Any other discussion on the motion? Brian Moore.

DELEGATE B. MOORE: Mr. President, I'd like to speak against the motion. It seems to me that the spirit of the motion gives a lot of authority to the staff to pretty much control the flow of information. And I would like to keep access to as much information as possible open, wide open. I would like that room to be available for people to drop their proposals in, their ideas, their recommendations during many hours of the day. And I think if we limit that

in any way, we tend to block the flow of information. And I think we can put up with some of the other idiosyncrasies or problems of a misplaced piece of paper or something like that.

DELEGATE SIMMONS: Point of procedure, Mr. President. Our own rules say if you have a proposal, it should be forwarded to the president who in turn sends it to the appropriate committee.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Clarke, Delegate Mason, Delegate Baldwin, Delegate Schrag.

DELEGATE CLARKE: Mr. President, there is no way we can ask the staff to read what is going in the boxes. Now, I would agree with the motion in so far as it prohibits anything from being taken out of them. But we cannot ask the staff to censor what a delegate asks to be put into them. And I don't think we can--it just an impossible situation to put the staff into. So, I would like some clarification on the motion. If the motion is directed only to secure things from being taken out of the boxes, I can support it. If it is to censor what goes into them, that is my function to deal with it in terms of what's in my box.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Mason.

DELEGATE C. MASON: Something was said about the

room being locked. I think the important thing is that delegates who are receiving things in the boxes be able to get the things. I have a box in the post office, Benjamin Franklin Station, over here at 13th and Pennsylvania. And the only time and place it's locked is when the inaugural parade is going by the building for a few hours, once every four years, and from midnight Christmas Eve to midnight Christmas night. At all other times I can go--3:00 in the morning, 5:00 in the morning, 5:00 in the afternoon, or 9:00 in the morning--to get in my box. And my box is locked, and I have the key. Nobody locks the door of the building so that I can't get to my box. The same should be true here.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I would just remind you that's not true of all the post offices, the one that you go to.

Okay, Delegate Schrag.

DELEGATE SCHRAG: Delegate Simmons made the point a few moments ago that proposals are not put directly in boxes but are filed with the president, who distributes them, and she is correct in saying so. But I would call to the attention of delegates that there is a great deal of other official mail that goes directly from delegate to delegates for which delegates need access to all the boxes at all times.

For example, proposals for amendments to the rules go directly from a delegate to the rules committee and to other delegates so that all delegates can study them in advance.

Secondly, I have received a great deal of mail in the last week from my fellow members of my committee who have provided me with resource materials of all kinds by putting them in my box. I've been very grateful to my fellow delegates on those committees and the executive committee for setting up the box structure. And it seems to me there's more benefit and good in having an open box system than a closed one.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Baldwin.

DELEGATE BALDWIN: Delegate Simmons spoke my views.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All right, Delegate Blount.

DELEGATE BLOUNT: It just amazes me how a minor issue can just develop into something major. [Delegates laugh.]

Delegate Simmons made a point, and the chairman responded; and I'll be happy to vote for the motion. But I just don't really see the need for it. The executive secretary has already responded that perhaps it needs to be locked or whatever. But I just don't see--

DELEGATE HARRIS: Call the question, Mr. Chair.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Is there a second?

SECRETARY COOPER: Second.

DELEGATE BALDWIN: Second.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All in favor of cutting off
debate--

DELEGATE NAHIKIAN: Point of order, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The question has been called.
The question has been called, ma'am.

DELEGATE NAHIKIAN: There were hands raised before
Delegate Harris called--

PRESIDENT CASSELL: That's right. There were about
15 hands raised. We have to cut it off at some point.

DELEGATE NAHIKIAN: And I think you have to be
recognized by the chairman to call the previous question.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: That's the purpose of calling
the question, to cut off any more debate. I mean, it could
be defeated.

DELEGATE NAHIKIAN: But you have to be recognized
by the chair.

DELEGATE LOVE: Point of order, Mr. Chair. The
officers who sit at that table cannot just pipe up while
other people who are here had their hands up before. She
did not have her hand up. People did have their hands up.

I resent the fact that business is being conducted on some sort of different level for people sitting up there than people sitting down here.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Let's see if we can assuage your resentment. We don't want delegates feeling that way out there. Let me try, Delegate Love. There's a purpose of calling for the question, right? It's legitimate, and it has been used here. The purpose is to do just what you resent; and that is to cut off debate. You have an opportunity to vote on that. You can vote it down. That's the purpose of that. As long as you want to stand on the rules--you haven't asked to change those rules--maybe you could not be quite so resentful. All right, all in favor--

DELEGATE NAHIKIAN: Point of personal privilege.

DELEGATE SCHRAG: Point of order. Point of order.

DELEGATE NAHIKIAN: Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Personal privilege, then point of order.

DELEGATE NAHIKIAN: My point of personal privilege is that I think that if the convention is upset and certain delegates are upset are about something that was circulated in the boxes, that we ought to deal with that issue and not the issue of--

DELEGATE SHELTON: No personal privilege,
Mr. Chair.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes, I have to rule that that
was not a point of personal privilege.

The point of order.

DELEGATE SCHRAG: Mr. Chairman, you are correct
that that the purpose of a motion to call the previous
question has as its point cutting off debate. That's the
proper use of it. But I believe that that was not the point
that Delegate Love was raising. He was saying that in order
to--

DELEGATE SHELTON: What is his point of order?

DELEGATE SCHRAG: He was saying that in order to
call the question, a delegate must be recognized. You did
not recognize Delegate Harris. Delegate Harris merely
said, "I call the question," without your having said,
"Delegate Harris first." And that is an important principle,
that a delegate must be recognized before making the motion
for the previous question.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: That really sounds argumentative
and it really isn't significant. That doesn't advance our
point. It's a technicality. And I'm sure you recognize
that that doesn't get us where we want to be. I heard you.

I heard you.

DELEGATE SCHRAG: It's not a technicality,
Mr. President.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I've heard you.

DELEGATE NAHIKIAN: Mr. Chairman, I stand to make
a motion to appeal the ruling of the chair. Delegate
Harris was never recognized. There were hands on the floor.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Baldwin.

DELEGATE BALDWIN: She cannot appeal the ruling
of the chair on a parliamentary matter. He ruled. He said
he accepted her. He recognized her. And you cannot appeal
that particular rule. Check with Mr. Schrag.

DELEGATE NAHIKIAN: Mr. Chairman, where is the
parliamentarian?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The chair would like to move
the meeting now. All in favor of the motion to cut off
debate, signify by saying, "Aye." [Response]

Those opposed? [Response]

Division of the house. All of those in favor of
cutting off debate, signify by raising your hands. [Show
of hands]

SECRETARY COOPER: Twelve.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Those opposed to the motion.

[Show of hands]

SECRETARY COOPER: Eighteen.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The motion fails, 12 to 18.

Any more discussion on the issue? Jones, Corn, Mason, Nahikian.

DELEGATE JONES: Theresa Jones, Ward 8. The problem that I have with this Alternative Caucus News, which is what provoked all of this is that nobody signed it. And I hate to deal with phantoms. And I think that when you say something and you do not sign it or you do not say it to a person's teeth, it's a cowardly way to act. And that's my problem with it. And that's the reason why I resented it being in my mailbox. And I don't want the mail room closed, and I don't want the box closed to people putting mail in there. But I do want something said to this kind of--to use Barbara's word, the way she used it--"literature" being put in the mailbox. And I wish whoever writes this kind of thing would sign their name. I would appreciate it because if I take issue with it, then I can go and say to their face that I take issue with it.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Corn.

DELEGATE CORN: I would speak against the motion. It seems to me that a mountain has been made out of a

molehill, as Delegate Blount had said. First of all, I don't believe in censorship of any sort. If you get something in your mail, whether it's at home or at the convention mailbox that you don't like, you're a free agent to use the trash can. I don't want to have the mail room locked. I don't want my mail censored. If somebody wants to leave me their campaign literature because I've asked for it, I don't want some secretary saying that's not convention business. Or if I want to leave some information about a bill that I've asked one of the council members to look into, I don't want her saying this is not convention business. As long as it's okay with that person and I've discussed it first, I don't want any outside interference. Just throw out the trash.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Mason.

DELEGATE H. MASON: Mr. President and members of the delegation. Excuse me, Delegate Corn.

[A delegate pounds a table to restore quiet.]

I rise to say that I agree that sometimes it's irritating to receive a lot of mail which I'm not interested in reading. But we do have the freedom not to read it. We can just throw it in the trash. Sometimes I don't even open my mail when it comes at home. I said that's trash, and I just throw it out. But I don't want the postmaster or my

husband or my church or anybody tell me that I can't get it because we're dealing with a concept called freedom. And I just think that we have to be careful how we use that.

Thank you very much. Also I don't want to put the burden on the staff to deal with that.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Nahikian.

DELEGATE NAHIKIAN: Mr. President, I would like to say I think Delegate Jones has already made the point that I wanted to make. And that is that it's one issue to deal with the piece of mail that I think Delegate Simmons was concerned about, but I think it is absurd to pass a motion with an impossible system, that smacks of censorship, and asks staff to do something that I don't want the staff to do. And I understand the concerns that have been expressed about the piece of paper that was put in delegates' mailboxes. That's a different issue. And I just point out that in principle that it's very, very dangerous to begin to put into place things that are repressive in order to deal with something that we don't like. It is better to deal with what we don't like than set up repressive measures to deal with that. I think that a lot of people in this country have suffered historically because of that. Thank you.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Eichhorn.

DELEGATE EICHORN: I'd like to support the comments of Delegate Jones. But I'd like to first say that I think--I don't know how the piece of paper was reproduced, but I certainly hope that the convention resources will not be used for anything that is not official. I am concerned about protecting things being removed from the boxes. But I think we have to have access to them.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Baldwin.

DELEGATE BALDWIN: Mr. President, I move to close debate on the question being discussed at 3:21.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: That is right now.

SECRETARY COOPER: The time 3:21 is right now.

A DELEGATE: Second.

DELEGATE HARRIS: Second. I second it too.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: It has been moved and seconded that we close debate at 3:21, which is now, on this motion.

Did you want to speak to that motion?

DELEGATE BALDWIN: No, the motion is self-explanatory. It says close debate; it's not the previous question.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Discussion?

DELEGATE BALDWIN: It takes a majority.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All in favor of the motion to

close debate on this motion, signify by saying, "Aye."

[Response]

Those opposed? [Silence]

Abstain? [No abstentions]

The motion carries.

Are you ready for the question? All in favor of the motion--

DELEGATE SIMMONS: There was a time certain in that motion.

A DELEGATE: Got one more minute.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes.

SECRETARY COOPER: No, we don't.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All in favor of closing debate on this as of 3:21--

DELEGATE KAMENY: What time do you have now?

SECRETARY COOPER: 3:22 official time. [Delegates laugh.]

DELEGATE SCHRAG: Point of order. Point of order.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Let me remind you of what the motion is, and that is that the mailboxes be--that there be an assurance that mailboxes are secure and private, and that we take steps to make that assurance.

Point of order?

DELEGATE SCHRAG: Mr. Chairman, I would just like to call to the attention of the chair and the body that our rules require that a motion to close debate at a certain time is permissible only to close debate no sooner than in 15 minutes. That's in Rule 5.2.

DELEGATE BALDWIN: If need. If need. Read the last two words. If need. My understanding is if you need 15 minutes. We have been discussing about 20 minutes.

DELEGATE SCHRAG: That's right. If anybody wants to speak, then the motion--if people don't want to speak, you can vote on the main motion any time.

SEVERAL DELEGATES: No.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Schrag, we've had a vote which indicates that apparently there's no need to discuss this further.

DELEGATE SCHRAG: That's fine. That's fine. I don't object to it.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay, thank you. All of those in favor of Delegate Simmons' motion, signify by saying, "Aye."

DELEGATE SIMMONS: Mr. President, I wish you would state the motion again because I think lots have been ascribed to the motion that is not stated in the motion.

And, furthermore, I think that the very purpose for my raising it has been clearly excluded.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Would you restate your motion concisely.

DELEGATE SIMMONS: My motion was to secure the mailboxes so that they are private and that that security is made possible through the administration and the staff. And I think that does not speak to all of these concerns about the crack in our constitutional rights at all. I think we have prudent people with good judgment who are perfectly capable of knowing that every Tom, Dick, and Harry ought not to have business in our boxes. And I would think that those persons who spend their time in this less than constructive way might also have heard some of this discussion and apply their talents elsewhere.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Let me repeat the secretary's recording of the motion, which is as you have indicated. Motion by Delegate Simmons that we be assured that our mailboxes be private and secure.

All in favor of that motion, signify by saying,
"Aye." [Response]

Opposed? [Response]

All in favor of that motion, signify by raising your

hands. [Show of hands]

SECRETARY COOPER: Eleven.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Those opposed. [Show of hands]

SECRETARY COOPER: Fourteen.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The motion fails, 11 to 14.

Is there any other...

DELEGATE CORN: Yes, other business. Other business.

DELEGATE KAMENY: Point of information. Which agenda item are we on?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: We are now on agenda item X, unfinished business.

DELEGATE CORN: Unfinished business.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Corn. Delegate Moore.

DELEGATE CORN: I understand, as Sam Robinson said, that there were three proposals put before the rules committee, and he did not wish to bring them up at this time. I'd like to know at what point they will be brought up for a change in the rules.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I'm afraid I can't answer that question since Delegate Robinson is not here. It would be done in accordance with the rules.

DELEGATE CORN: May I suggest--I understand that

he has not had a quorum in any of his meetings. If that persists, may I suggest that with or without a quorum by next Saturday, those three rule changes be brought before the body whether his committee has been able to meet or not?

DELEGATE JORDAN: Point of order, Mr. Chair.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Point of order.

DELEGATE JORDAN: There are procedures in the rules for discharging proposals of committees. If Delegate Corn wants to use that process, she can. But we have a committee that has been duly constituted by this convention, and I would suggest that she allow the committee to do its work and not interfere. But if she has a problem with what is happening with the committee, then she can utilize Section 2.8 of the rules. And I would recommend that she use the rules as opposed to raising questions here.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Corn, there is a procedure for discharging rules even when--for discharging information from a committee even if the committee chair does not do it.

DELEGATE CORN: Can I say something--

DELEGATE KAMENY [Shouting]: Point of order. I can't hear a word of what's being said because the president is not maintaining order here. [Delegates laugh.]

Go ahead. I gave you a whistle. Blow it.

[Delegates laugh.]

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Thank you. Probably not necessary now.

Delegate Corn.

DELEGATE CORN: I have brought this problem before the body because the reason Mr. Robinson's group has not been able to properly convene is one of the changes that I had suggested to the rules. If you cannot ever get a quorum, you can never hold a committee meeting. And you can't get a quorum if people just refuse to keep coming to meetings. Both operating committees have had this problem where there are two or three or four people who just feel that they have no obligation whatever to show up, don't show up, and the rest of us who would like to get on with the business of the working of that committee are handicapped.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Thank you. Thank you.

[At this point Delegate Corn resumed speaking.]

Delegate Corn--Delegate Corn, you're out of order.

DELEGATE CORN: It's like a catch 22 situation.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I understand. Is there any further unfinished business?

All right, is there any new business before the

convention? Delegate Kameny, Moore, and Mason.

DELEGATE KAMENY: Mr. President, a matter came up in the course of the deliberations of the committee on preamble and rights.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: [Pounding gavel] It's going to take us a lot longer to get out of here now if we have to keep asking people to repeat things. Please be quiet. We don't have much more time. We're to the bottom of the agenda.

DELEGATE KAMENY: Although I raise this in my capacity as an individual delegate, there is one matter which is going to have to be brought to convention attention. It may be a somewhat contentious matter. And I feel that process should be commenced for doing so. And, therefore, I would move that the president and the executive committee, through an ad hoc committee or any other method that they in their discretion devise, commence action so that the convention can decide upon a name for the new state.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Is there a second?

DELEGATE SIMMONS: Second.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: It has been moved and seconded that the president of the convention and the executive committee commence action to allow the convention to begin

considering a name for the new state.

DELEGATE KAMENY: I didn't want to put a strait-jacket on them. I said by an ad hoc committee or any other method that they in their discretion may devise.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Ad hoc or any other method, yes. Is there any discussion on that? Long.

DELEGATE LONG: Mr. President, in the preparatory time that we spend on the rules, I put the question to the chair of the committee on committees as to whether the preamble committee would take up the question of the name and state. At that time the answer I got was yes. I now find that a member of that committee does not want-- apparently not want to deal with that question. And I believe--and this is my personal opinion--that that's the proper way to deal with it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Thank you. Any other discussion on the motion? Simmons, Rothschild, Mason.

DELEGATE SIMMONS: My only discussion is that that's what I felt and that's why I responded as I did when I gave that report. But what has become clear, Delegate Long, is that the preamble and rights committee has, for all intents and purposes, we have completed our responsibility, and they have sent forward for deliberations their document minus that

aspect., I don't have any objection to this fairly free bodywide opportunity to delegate it someplace else. I think it has to be done. And if that committee sought not to, I don't have any big problem with that.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The last list of names I called was out of order. The next speaker is Brian Moore, then Mason and Baldwin.

DELEGATE ROTHSCHILD: You had recognized me.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes, but I made a mistake. I was not looking at my list of people. I had no right to call on you then.

DELEGATE ROTHSCHILD: Okay, well, put me on the list.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay, after Baldwin, Rothschild. It is now Brian Moore.

DELEGATE B. MOORE: Is this regarding the motion on the floor.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes.

DELEGATE B. MOORE: I had my hand up prior to that for other business. So, I pass.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay, Delegate Mason.

DELEGATE C. MASON: I merely wanted, as a member of the committee--[The president pounds gavel.]

PRESIDENT CASSELL: If that noise is outside of the hall, please ask it to be stopped. If it's inside the hall, please cease and desist.

DELEGATE C. MASON: As a member of the preamble and rights committee, I don't want it to appear that the committee was wanting to avoid this issue. When we wrote the preamble, the question was: Are we to decide upon a proposed name or are we not? And nobody knew for sure. So, the conclusion was that we would bring it up, as it has been brought up today, in the plenary session. I'm sure if the executive committee or the convention as a whole asks that committee to deal with that matter, the committee would have no objection do it. We simply were not sure that that was part of our job. I didn't want it to appear that we were saying we wouldn't do it or we wouldn't want to do it. It simply was we were not sure that part of writing the preamble was to decide the name of the state.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Surely. Delegate Baldwin, Delegate Rothschild.

DELEGATE BALDWIN: Delegate Mason has presented my position on the committee.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Very good. Rothschild.

DELEGATE ROTHSCCHILD: Mr. Baldwin, I didn't hear

your comments.

DELEGATE BALDWIN: My position has been presented by Delegate Mason. I am a member of that particular committee, as you, and Delegate Mason presented the committee's position. Therefore, there's no need for me to say the same thing he said.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I'm going to interrupt this for an important announcement that has to do with getting paid and ask that the treasurer would give us what we need to know. Rothschild, Bruning, Street after the announcement.

DELEGATE JONES: I'm announcing to the delegates that are here that Mr. Cropp has sent over by Bob Young the affidavits that must be signed before we can pay anybody, to say you will or will not accept the per diem and the notary is out there to notarize these. These are not the oath of office that you objected. These are the affidavits. Am I coming off clear? So, would you go out to Miss Austin's desk. At this point she will take people in twos and threes. Would you go out to her desk and execute the acceptance or the non-acceptance. You put on there what you want of the per diem. I'm not entertaining any questions.
[Delegates laugh.]

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All right, Delegate Rothschild.

DELEGATE ROTHSCHILD: I believe that the committee on preamble and rights is quite competent to be able to handle that issue in terms of collecting the information, going before the public, hearing what the public has to say, and making the recommendation to the full body. I think it would be unnecessary to break out a further committee, considering all the committees everybody is on already, and then they would have to set up separate hearings or some type of procedure to get the public's input on it. I think I am a member--I know I am a member of the preamble and rights committee, and I think some of the feelings behind the recommendation that Mr. Kameny made as an individual and that our committee actually was at some point going to make as a committee was just a slight touch of paranoia that the issue itself might be too hot to handle for the committee. And I think the committee wanted to take the most cautious approach to make sure it was clear what the delegation, what the convention expected of the committee. So, I think we could do it.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All right, Delegate Bruning, Holmes, Street, Kameny.

DELEGATE BRUNING: I'd like to move a substitute motion to the effect that the preamble and rights committee

be authorized to name the state, within their work.

A DELEGATE: I second it.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: It has been moved and seconded, a substitute motion, the preamble and rights committee be authorized to make recommendations--I assume is what you really meant?

DELEGATE BRUNING: What?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: What you really meant was to make recommendations.

DELEGATE BRUNING: I'm sorry, recommend, yes, certainly.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Right--for the name of the new state.

DELEGATE LONG: I second the motion.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All right, discussion?

DELEGATE SIMMONS: Mr. President, may I call for the question?

A DELEGATE: Second.

DELEGATE SIMMONS: I'm sorry. I withdraw.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Holmes, Street, Kameny.

DELEGATE HOLMES: You called on Delegate Street before you called on me.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Street.

DELEGATE STREET: Mr. President, I want to remind the convention that not only the name of the state has to be determined, but the name of the state flower, flag, colors, birds, and whatever else, all the symbolism has to be determined before the convention ends. Therefore, I would offer a substitute to the amendment and include the symbolism--

PRESIDENT CASSELL: No, there's a substitute motion on the floor, Delegate Street.

DELEGATE STREET: A substitute to the substitute.

DELEGATE ROTHSCHILD: Amendment to the substitute.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Holmes.

DELEGATE HOLMES: I just wanted to say that being part of that committee, that when we discussed that matter, we wanted to bring it to the body before we started working on it because we felt that if we didn't bring it to the body, then the group would say we were stepping out of bounds. So, that's the reason why we brought this to the convention, to the delegation, so that we could continue on with our work.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay, Delegate Kameny on the substitute motion.

DELEGATE KAMENY: Yes, well, my remarks are

essentially the same as they would have been on the original motion, except I was supporting the original motion as opposed to the substitute, namely, I for one feel that this is going to be an issue of sufficient debate, let us say--perhaps I won't use the stronger word of contention--and sufficiently time consuming so that it should be separated out. The committee on preamble and rights is going to have a massive job from this point onward in doing our section on rights. As one member of that committee--I can speak only for myself--I don't want to be distracted by other issues. The question of rights is going to be a major one, if it's going to be done properly. And I would be just as happy to see other people take on the question of the name of the state. And I hope we will not be saddled with that particular task. Thank you.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Are you ready for the vote on the substitute motion? The substitute motion is that the preamble rights committee have the authority to make recommendations to the convention on the name of the new state. Just a minute, we'll see if we have a quorum.

SECRETARY COOPER: There is a quorum present.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: There is a quorum, yes.

The question has been called. All of those in

favor of the substitute motion, that the authority to make recommendations about the name of the new state be made by the preamble and rights committee--those in favor of that motion, signify by saying, "Aye." [Response]

Those opposed? [Response]

All those in favor of the motion, signify by raising your hands. [Show of hands]

How many?

SECRETARY COOPER: Fifteen.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Those opposed to the motion?
[Show of hands]

SECRETARY COOPER: Six.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All right, the motion carries 15 to 6. Is there any other new business?

A DELEGATE: Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: No, I recognized Brian Moore before.

DELEGATE B. MOORE: First of all, I'd like to--
[The president pounds gavel to restore order.]

PRESIDENT CASSELL: We're getting near the end of the agenda. There are several meetings on the floor. Please, if you cannot give us your attention, please step outside so we can conclude the business of the convention

today. Delegate Moore.

DELEGATE B. MOORE: Two items. Number one, I'd like to thank the executive committee for their serious consideration of the--

PRESIDENT CASSELL: [Pounding gavel] I still have some difficulty hearing the speaker. Please, everybody, two standing delegates. Delegate Holmes, could we?

Delegate Moore.

DELEGATE B. MOORE: Thank you, Mr. President. Two points. Number one, I want to thank the executive committee for their consideration of the convention calendar. I appreciate their thoughtfulness and regard for us in this matter.

Number two, I'd like to make a motion. I move that this convention body of 45 delegates directs the rules committee to report to the convention by next Saturday, March 27th all proposals referred to the rules committee during the previous weeks of official business.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Is there a second?

DELEGATE EICHHORN: Second.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Is there a second by anybody on the floor?

DELEGATE B. MOORE: There was a second. Somebody seconded it.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: She's outside.

DELEGATE EICHORN: [Having moved onto the convention floor] Second.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: It has been moved and seconded that the rules committee be--how did that read again?

DELEGATE B. MOORE: The motion is that this conventional body direct the rules committee to report to the convention by next Saturday, March 27th all proposals referred to the rules committee during the previous weeks' official business.

DELEGATE CORN: I'll second.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I'm going to rule that motion out of order because of the wording. I don't know that we can direct a committee to do something. There are many things that--

DELEGATE B. MOORE: According to Rule 2.8, by affirmative vote of the body we can require a committee to report to the convention.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All right.

DELEGATE CORN: I'm going to second that.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: "Require" is perhaps a little less strong than "direct." If there is no quorum, then it is rather difficult to make a report, right?

DELEGATE CORN: Could you see if there's a quorum, Mr. President?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Mr. Secretary, is there a quorum?

SECRETARY COOPER: There is a quorum.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: There is a quorum. The motion on the floor is that the rules and calendar committee be required, in accordance with the rules, to make a report to the convention at next Saturday's plenary session on...

DELEGATE B. MOORE: The 27th, Saturday the 27th, on all previous proposals submitted to that committee during the previous weeks of business.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: On all previous proposals submitted to that committee in writing.

DELEGATE B. MOORE: Yes, that's correct.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Baldwin.

DELEGATE BALDWIN: Mr. President, I can understand his concern--his meaning Mr. Moore's concern--regarding Mr. Robinson's report. And I think it's a play on words. And when Mr. Robinson used the word "proposals," I'm sure what went through everyone's mind--they're thinking in terms of proposals as our rules state to; and our rules do not state to what Mr. Robinson spoke to in the first place.

Mr. Robinson has before him or in his possession some amendments to our rules. And they are not proposals, number one. So, when you get up and refer to 2.8, it's not applicable. That's in the first place. Mr. Robinson has a few amendments that some people think that they'd like to see the rules changed. You cannot ask Mr. Robinson to bring these proposals. And what he told you didn't mean according to our proposals. So, why are we getting up, talking about proposals? Probably someone really thinks that Mr. Robinson's committee does in fact have some proposals. Mr. Robinson's committee is the rules and calendar. And I'm sure you understand no proposals go to rules and calendar. I have oversight responsibility for that particular committee. I have to meet with what those recommendations are. And this body should just keep quiet if and when he ever brings them back because you don't know what the amendments are.

Number one, in essence, summing it up, you are not speaking to proposals that Rule 2.8 speaks to. I'm sure you understand that. And then, secondly, there are some amendments that some people feel should be considered. And as soon as Mr. Robinson gets a quorum--unless you want to suspend the rules and say you can do this, suspend the rules and ask Mr. Robinson to bring those amendments to this body,

irrespective of whether they got a quorum or not. And that's the way to move and not keep talking about proposals, as the rule states. That's my amendment to the motion, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Schrag, Long.

DELEGATE SCHRAG: Delegate Baldwin is correct; 2.8 isn't applicable. And, therefore, this motion should not be approved. If the body wants to bypass the rules committee with respect to a proposed amendment to the rules, instead of using 2.8, the appropriate rule to use to bypass the rules committee, if it can't get a quorum, is Rule 7.1, which provides an alternative way to get a rules change to the floor. And this amendment is not necessary because any delegate who wants to bring those proposals to the floor next week can use Rule 7.1 to do so.

SECRETARY COOPER: Not true.

DELEGATE SCHRAG: Not true?!

SECRETARY COOPER: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Long.

DELEGATE LONG: My remarks are going to be the same, that 7.1 controls, not 2.8.

SECRETARY COOPER: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Moore, Delegate Cooper.

DELEGATE B. MOORE: Mr. President, I applied amendment or Rule 7.1 last Saturday. I submitted that amendment to the rules committee under this ruling. And that's what I am waiting for.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Cooper.

SECRETARY COOPER: Rule 7.1 I believe also says you have to submit it to an appropriate officer of the convention for posting. That was not done.

DELEGATE B. MOORE: Right, it wasn't done by the committee. I submitted it to the chairman of the rules committee in writing on Saturday. And I was told that the committee did not have a quorum, and I'm trying to figure out how to get that amendment before the body. So, I just repeat the same action that I did last week.

SECRETARY COOPER: That's negligence on the part of the committee chairman. However, I'd like to respond to Mr. Schrag's comments that were, I think, dilatory because the Rule 7.1 clearly states that these rules may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of all delegates but only after the committee on rules has recommended the amendment.

DELEGATE SCHRAG: Or. Or.

SECRETARY COOPER: Or has had the opportunity to consider the proposed amendment for four calendars after

a delegate delivered a copy of the proposed amendment to the chair of that committee and so forth. Now, if they haven't had the opportunity to consider it for four calendar days because of a lack of a quorum, then they haven't had the opportunity to consider it. And Rule 7.1 applies.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Shelton.

SECRETARY COOPER: Because two of those amendments are mine, and I'd like to see them get out here too.

DELEGATE SHELTON: Delegates, delegates, delegates, delegates, we have a serious situation. I mean, rules are rules. But the rules committee has said that it cannot, by virtue of our reelection and our responsibility as delegates, to convene a meeting. Now, that is a fact. And the chairperson has come before us on several occasions suggesting ways to correct it. First of all, he requested that some of us who are not in attendance withdraw our names. He also made several other suggestions. Now, the question of whether or not we can move forward is clear. We cannot move forward because we have not exercised our responsibility. For the delegate who has an urgent proposal to be considered, unfortunately it cannot be considered until we meet our responsibility for the convention as a whole, unless the nature of his business can be transacted

under some other means of addressing itself on the calendar. So, I think that the delegate, first of all, has to determine whether or not the subject matter which he wishes to present can be presented as a regular item on the agenda. If not, then we have to follow the usual procedures. So, perhaps a suggestion or a meeting with the appropriate executive members may facilitate his interest in moving it forward. And it is our desire as a convention to hear and consider his proposals.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Let me say something to the delegates. I don't know the nature of these amendments. I haven't seen them. Nobody has told me about them. But rather than continue to try to find ways to get something out of a committee, not having explored other methods as indicated by Shelton, it seems to me that if there's a sincere desire to expedite something that can't be done through the rules committee, that the executive committee ought to sit down with whoever the person is who desires to make that and see if we can't work something out. I don't think there's any resistance on the part of the executive committee. But to take this much time now in simply quoting the rules and trying to, in effect, counter what each of us says is just kind of a waste. Delegate Baldwin.

DELEGATE BALDWIN: I think Delegate Schrag has the right idea, and all of us know how we can resolve the matter. It is 7.1. And I can do it, and I know the resolution; I think some of us do too. All I have to do is bring a special order that says that if at such a time the rules committee has not brought these before, we will as a group make an agenda item and vote. It takes two-thirds of us. We know the solution. But I think Delegate Schrag is right. That's where it belongs, President Cassell. That's where it lies. If Delegate Schrag doesn't make the motion, then I'll make a motion later on to deal with it.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Schrag.

DELEGATE SCHRAG: Mr. President, I agree with you that there are many ways to resolve this, and I don't want to belabor the point. But I feel I must correct the record because I disagree with the interpretation of Rule 7.1 that was stated by Delegate Cooper. It was the intention of the rules committee, on which I serve--and I think that Delegate Charles Mason, who drafted this rule, can support me in this--that the intention of the words "has had the opportunity to consider the proposed amendment for four calendar days" simply means that it has been sitting there for four days with the chair of the committee. It does not require him to

have a quorum. It does not require the committee to meet. It simply requires that the committee have four days' notice. And if the committee sits on the rule, the proposed rule, for four days, a delegate can then circulate the proposed rules to all delegates for at least two days and then bring it before the convention at the next plenary meeting. That is the procedure for bypassing the rules committee if the rules committee does not take action one way or another with respect to amendments. I have no opinion on the merits of these amendments, but I do think it's important we keep the rules and procedures straight.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I suggest that you bring that up next time since we don't have a quorum and cannot take any action anyway.

Is there any other information that needs to come before this body which does not require action?

DELEGATE SIMMONS: Yes, that we do not have a quorum any longer, Mr. President.

DELEGATE H. MASON: Mr. President, I think I was next.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes, you were.

DELEGATE H. MASON: Mr. President, at a previous meeting--this does not require any action, but I did make a

request that the executive committee work out a way to get the staff to give us a consolidated schedule for each week so we'll know what committees are meeting and we'll have it on one piece of paper. I hope you'll keep that in mind.

I have two announcements to make.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Maybe I should make a response to that so you won't have to ask that question again next week. My response to you at the time was that we did not have a full staff. When we had a full staff, we would be able to identify certain rooms and identify certain schedules in accordance with committee chairs' desires. We have more staff this week than we had last week. We don't have an entire staff. But I would have to ask the executive secretary: Are we able yet to respond to Mrs. Mason's concern?

MS. ELLINGTON: We will have a full contingency of secretarial staff, some reassigned, some being transferred, and some replaced on Monday, next week, day after tomorrow. I mentioned that in my report.

DELEGATE H. MASON: Thank you. I just want to keep it before the body. I have two announcements, Mr. Chairman. I want to know if the fund raising which was going on at 17th and Q Streets, Northwest, to raise money for the Julius Hobson plaque is in operation because of the

rain. If it is not in operation now, they are going to hold it tomorrow. And I wanted to just let people know that we are trying to raise money to do a plaque for Julius Hobson.

And the other announcement I wanted to make--I'm sorry there are not many people here...

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes, Miss Mason.

DELEGATE H. MASON: The other announcement is some people here who were involved with CORE, the Congress of Racial Equality, and some who have known Margot Barnett from her involvement in the theatre--is very ill and needs our help. And Delegate Simmons announced it on a radio show last week. And there is a fund raiser going on right now at her house at 3314 20th Street, Northeast. And I urge people who can go to go and help out because she's alone and very, very ill and has some financial problems. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Any other information for the convention, recognizing that we cannot transact business. Long, Clarke, Moore.

DELEGATE LONG: Mr. President, I am extremely concerned--and I think all of us here will agree--that the acoustics in this room are atrocious. When we get into the period of time for debating the provisions of the

constitution, we're going to be under the most terrible disabilities. I don't know exactly what to do about it, whether we need amplification--I'm almost ready to say we need another place in which the acoustics are acceptable so that people can be heard without bellowing like I have to do when I stand up to say something. And I just wanted to express that concern to the executive committee. I think it's very important.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: We've been discussing that on the platform today because we're having difficulty hearing people who are closer to us than they are to you. We're going to get an amplification system. You had one over at the Public Service, and that room wasn't much bigger than this, or maybe it's the same size. It's necessary really. And there is a certain level of hum-drum anyway that it seems we can't eliminate. So, we'll try to have that for next week, a microphone for speakers as well as for some of us up here.

Okay, any other information? Moore, Clarke.

DELEGATE B. MOORE: Mr. President, about five minutes ago I made a motion. I'm aware of the limitations that there's not a quorum. However, when that occurs and a motion is on the floor, what happens to that motion?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: It's just like not getting a second.

DELEGATE B. MOORE: Does that motion then take precedence for business at the next meeting?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I'd have no problem giving it that presence.

DELEGATE B. MOORE: Pardon me?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I'd have no problem giving it that presence.

DELEGATE B. MOORE: Okay, but, so, it was taken off the floor then.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: It doesn't automatically die. I mean, it doesn't automatically come on the calendar's first business. But I don't have any problem putting it on the calendar.

DELEGATE B. MOORE: Just for the record, I was not satisfied by the explanations of two delegates regarding their interpretation of the rule, and it didn't die because of the fact that everybody was sold on that; but it died because of a lack of a quorum.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Madam Executive Secretary, would you make that the first item of business under unfinished business for next week's meeting.

MS. ELLINGTON: Yes.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Clarke.

DELEGATE CLARKE: I raised an issue at the last meeting seeking guidance for this Tuesday's meeting of the council, and I wondered if the executive committee had developed any guidance.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The executive committee feels that it is not really time, it is not appropriate, it is not feasible to interrupt the flow of business now, also to interrupt the public image by at this point asking for an extension of time.

DELEGATE CLARKE: As I indicated, I had not sought a request; I just sought guidance.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Well, you may take that as guidance.

DELEGATE CLARKE: Then I would be consistent with the executive committee's guidance then not to do anything on Tuesday if the issue of cable TV time extension comes up to not offer an amendment to simultaneously extend the time of the convention. That would be consistent with--

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I would think that would be the appropriate interpretation of the report that I just made to you.

DELEGATE CLARKE: That's your request--I mean, that's your guidance.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Right. Are we ready to adjourn yet?

DELEGATE CORN: No.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Corn.

DELEGATE CORN: I seek some supervision from the president. There is a problem that the two operating committees are having, and maybe all of this whole discussion is not--it may be misinterpreted, but the problem is very clear. While everybody knows that they have to go to their two substantive committee meetings, for some reason they sign up for these other two operating committees. I do not know quite why, for whatever reason they do. And then they don't show up at them at all. And it hinders those of us who really do want to get some work done because we can't often get a quorum because when you figure that--like my committee happens to be the biggest committee. Until today we had 14. That meant eight people you needed for a quorum. When you figure that there are about five hard-core people or six who come all the time and then there are a certain amount who are sick--once in a while some of them are going to be sick or exhausted or have to be at work or whatever. That

leaves you like four hard-core people, and then there are a good four or five people who--I don't know why they even joined because they just don't show up and they don't want to show up. And one of the amendments that I had proposed to the rules would deal with that. I want your direction. Somehow something has got to be done so that you can either--

PRESIDENT CASSELL: What you've described is a serious problem. There's no question about that. The executive committee will be meeting on Tuesday at 5:00 o'clock. I'll make that one of the item agendas, and I will try to make some kind of resolution of that.

I don't know how many people at this point have signed up for your committee.

DELEGATE CORN: Now 13.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: But if there are a good number of people who simply cannot make the meetings, then maybe the structure needs to be changed.

DELEGATE CORN: And then at the same time, Mr. President, I'm then told by the Second Vice President, "You're setting meetings when it's not convenient." Up till this week the meetings have always been on Fridays, and there were no other committee meetings. She said, "Well, they may have to go to work or they may have doctors'

appointments." I can't help it that there are seven days only in the week.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: We will have to consider all of that, but that committee does have to function and it has to function now.

DELEGATE CORN: Now!

PRESIDENT CASSELL: We'll take that up as an important item.

DELEGATE CORN: And that's why Sam Robinson is having the same problem.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Ms. Ellington, that's one of our items, yes. Anita Shelton, Brian Moore, Jan Eichhorn.

DELEGATE SHELTON: I was going to make a suggestion that maybe the staff would call the members of the committee maybe on Thursday. Sometimes by Friday many of us have been to so many meetings that maybe a call until we get back in the habit may help on those two committees.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay, that's also something that we can consider. Delegate Moore.

DELEGATE B. MOORE: Mr. President, I hate to belabor a point, and I know it's late.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: You're going to move to adjourn, I know.

DELEGATE B. MOORE: No, one second. I ask the body--I move for a special order of business for--

PRESIDENT CASSELL: We can't move for anything now.

DELEGATE B. MOORE: Yes, we can. According to Rule 6.3, called precedence, if a matter is not reached for consideration, it shall appear on the calendar of the following day in its regular order. Any matter may be made a special order of business for any particular day or time by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present.

So, we don't have a quorum, but we have delegates present here. So, I would like to ask--okay, I'm sorry. I was just informed that you said you were going to put it on the calendar.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes, first of all I did that. But delegates present doesn't mean delegates present less than a quorum though. There is already a rule that says you can't conduct business without a quorum. That assumes--

DELEGATE B. MOORE: Okay, so, it's my understanding it's on the calendar for next week?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I had already instructed the executive secretary.

DELEGATE B. MOORE: My apologies. I'm sorry.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All right. Don't raise any

point of order. It's too late.

DELEGATE SCHRAG: I move we adjourn, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Beautiful. I love you dearly.

Thank you.

[The session was adjourned at 4:08 p.m.]

- - -